

St. Mary Park, Moorstown, W. Leeds;  
the residence of George Edmund  
Donisthorpe

Thursday, July 25. 1864

<sup>195-</sup>  
My dear Garrison

Letter of Tuesday I found  
waiting my arrival yesterday.  
I was prevented from replying  
to it by the outgoing post. I am  
sorry I was not in London to  
meet and greet you, and offer  
you my congratulations. You  
have had very hard work  
since you have been away,  
and must greatly need that  
I have been enjoying for nearly  
three weeks - quiet & rest. I  
have read wherever the papers  
have reported of your proceed-  
ings.



Your enrolment on the list  
of Burgesses in Edinburgh has  
given me peculiar delight.  
Our names appear on the same  
list, with an interval of 22  
two years between them.

Most thoroughly can I sym-  
pathise with you in the an-  
noyance you must feel when  
you see the blunders com-  
mitted in quoting your ad-  
dresses. It might save you  
much suffering, were you  
to refrain from sending any  
thing which purports to be  
a report of what you have  
said. This cause of discom-  
fort will, I suppose, not  
come into operation again  
for some time.

On Monday I met a



party of gentlemen at dinner, at the Stately mansion of one of the Merchant Princes of Liverpool. I was asked the question, "Whether before you sailed, you would accept our invitation to a meeting of the Friends of Freedom & America <sup>"in Liverpool."</sup>" I ventured to reply that I thought you would not be unwilling to do so, on the eve of your embarking for Boston; and I was charged to confer with you on the subject, and to give timely notice of the time that would be convenient to you will you think of this, and let me know?"

At the moment



Your letter was handed to me  
yesterday, another was put  
into my hand - it was from  
your dear wife. I cannot  
tell you how happy it made  
me to receive a commemo-  
ration from her. I shall try  
to thank her for it. I shall add  
on it, the most tender loving  
references to you and Frankie  
and Fanny. I exceedingly  
prize this proof of her kind  
remembrance. I ~~to~~ cannot  
remember that I ever received  
a letter that gave me more  
pleasure, while she longs  
for your return, your beloved  
companions seems even anx-  
ious that you should abridge  
no plan of either pleasure  
or usefulness, on her account  
she speaks of herself as being  
in good health, and of your



lovely granddaughter as "the  
angel of the house, whom  
you will worship in your  
churn!" May all Bountiful  
Powers watch over you, your  
wife, and every member of  
your precious family, and  
blessite you in perfect health  
and abounding joy!

And now, my dear friend,  
as respects myself, and my  
movements. It was my  
wish and intention to have  
come here on Saturday, last  
and to have been in London  
before your arrival; but I  
was prevented from leaving  
Liverpool before yesterday  
morning. My cousin and  
his wife — a gentle, generous  
and loving creature — came  
to Birkenhead & spent  
two



day at Louisa's. My cousin,  
while with me there, said  
he much wished to have  
some conversation with me  
during the time I might be  
his guest, on matters of  
some importance. To these  
matters he has not yet de-  
cided. To day, he is in Brad-  
ford, and I do not like to  
leave him before he has had  
an opportunity of revealing  
what he has to say. Yet, if  
you have any wish to see  
me in London before you  
return to Paris, send me a  
telegram as soon as you  
receive this letter, and on  
getting it, I will start by  
the next train to London,  
and come direct to you.



Do not hesitate to do this, if  
my absence will cause you  
any disappointment, or if  
there is aught that I can  
do for you. The pain to me  
is great of being here while  
you are in London; but I  
desire to be of use to my  
relative just now, if I can,  
for he is in a delicate, if not  
critical and precarious state  
of health. But I could  
come to you & then return  
here; and an expression of  
a wish to see me, would  
be a sufficient excuse for  
an immediate visit to you.  
So, write with perfect  
freedom, and say just  
what you think and feel.  
Should you defer your  
departure to the continuance



until the eve of the conference,  
all will be well. I can fi-  
nish my business here and  
join you.

I am decidedly better than  
when we parted in Manchester,  
yet very weak still, and  
have to take great care of  
myself. I must have more  
rest, and get more strength  
before I can begin work  
of any kind. I have spent  
almost nothing but kindness  
during the last three weeks  
and have contracted a heavy  
debt of gratitude to the friends  
by whom I have been che-  
rished. With love to the  
Brother & Sister, Your own  
Ever Attached & Affectionate Friend  
Geo Thompson

George Thompson  
Hoxley, July 25, 1867

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